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DECLARATION

The undersigned, Dana Scruggs, having an office at 8902B Otis Avenue, Suite 204B, Indianapolis, Indiana 46216, hereby states that she is well acquainted with both the English and German languages and that the attached is a true translation to the best of her knowledge and ability of German Office Action (INV.: KRONDORFER, H., ET AL.)

The undersigned further declares that the above statement is true; and further, that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or document or any patent resulting therefrom.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Scruggs".

Dana Scruggs

- 1) DE 196 50 364 A1
- 2) WO 88 04 975 A1

Sanding/grinding hand power tool receptacles are made known in the prior art, e.g., for a manual angle grinder, having a driving device via which an insertable tool is capable of being joined effectively with a drive shaft, whereby the insertable tool is capable of being joined effectively via at least one detent element supported in a manner that allows it to move against a spring element, which said detent element latches in an operating position of the insertable tool and fixes the insertable tool in a form-locked manner, and whereby the detent element is displaceable in the axial direction against the spring element, and whereby a drive torque is transferrable via a positive connection between the insertable tool and the driving device, etc.

In light of this extensive prior art, it cannot be seen where any excess could be found on which a patent could be based. It is therefore not likely that a patent will be granted.

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